BLOCKCHAIN SECURITY IN THE QUANTUM AGE

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Bitcoin Just Broke The All-Time High Recorded In December 2017

Author: George Georgiev • Last Updated Nov 30, 2020 @ 14:53

Following three long years of waiting, Bitcoin price has finally breached the all-time high record set all the way back in December 2017.

Bitcoin (BTC) Price To Hit New ATH in Next Few Hours, What To Expect Next?



Ethereum Price Prediction: Will ETH Price Aim to Touch New ATH of \$5000 in 2024?

Unlock the potential as Ethereum eyes a promising \$5000 target.

🛗 4 Mar 2024 | 11 min read



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Quantum Computers Could Make Today's Encryption Defenseless

Markus Pflitsch Forbes Councils Member Forbes Technology Council COUNCIL POST | Membership (Fee-Based) May 4, 2023, 08:30am EDT

 Markus Pflitsch, CEO and Founder of Terra Quantum, is a dedicated quantum physicist, senior financial executive and deep tech entrepreneur.

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White House: Quantum computers could crack encryption, so here's what we need to do

Whoever wins the quantum computing race could undermine national security systems and the nation.

Technology

Quantum computers can break major encryption method, researchers claim

It has long been known that one day quantum computers will probably be able to crack the RSA encryption method we use to keep data safe, but a team of researchers is now claiming it is already possible, while others say the results require more scrutiny

By Matthew Sparkes

💾 5 January 2023

■ Interesting • Subscribe | Sign in C IBM's quantum leap: A 100,000-Qubit supercomputer on the horizon

IBM has unveiled its ambitious plan to construct a groundbreaking 100,000-qubit quantum computer within the next decade.



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Quantum technologies + Add to myFT

Chinese researchers claim to find way to break encryption using quantum computers

Experts assess whether method outlined in scientific paper could be a sooner-thanexpected turning point in the technology





JAN 05, 2023

Quantum computers may soon breach blockchain cryptography: Report

Cryptography experts are somewhat skeptical of the technique's scalability but aren't ruling out the possibility of success either.





ATH – ALL TIME Horror?

ARE CRYPTOS DOOMED!?

Let's find out!



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- No financial advice!
- No investment advice!
- No guarantees!
- No responsibility!
- No deep-dive!

DYOR!



AGENDA

- What is Cryptography?
- What is a Blockchain?
- What is Quantum Computing?
- Attacks to Blockchain?
- Quantum-first Blockchain and
- Current state on Quantum Resistance

WHAT IS CRYPTOGRAPHY?

OBJECTIVES OF CRYPTOGRAPHY



- CIA Triad
 - Confidentiality
 - Protects confidentiality of information (MITM)
 - Only authorized persons have access to information
 - Assures that the sender or receiver is the right one
 - Integrity
 - Ensures integrity of your data
 - Enables non-repudiation
 - Authenticity
 - Availability
 - Securing systems
 - Systems, networks, and applications must be functioning

COMPONENTS OF A CRYPTOSYSTEM

Modern Cryptography provides following methods

- 1. Key generation
- 2. Symmetric cryptography
- 3. Asymmetric cryptography
- 4. Cryptographic hash functions
- 5. Digital signatures





KEY GENERATION

- Keys are needed for cryptography
 - Randomly
 - Uniformly
 - Unique
- Examples
 - Pseudo Random Number Generator (PRNG)
 - Adding entropy by hardware, network traffic, Lavarand,...



SYMMETRIC CRYPTOGRAPHY

- Only one secret key for encryption and decryption
- Advantage
 - Fast
 - Small key size
- Disadvantage
 - Key establishment difficult
 - Only suitable for 1:1 communication
 - Group of n people $\rightarrow \frac{n(n-1)}{2}$ keys
- Examples
 - DES, 3DES, AES



ASYMMETRIC CRYPTOGRAPHY

- On private/public key pair
- Advantage
 - Key establishment
 - Many-to-many communication
- Disadvantage
 - Large keys
 - Slow(er)
- Examples
 - RSA encryption (Rivest/Shamir/Adleman 1976)



HASH FUNCTIONS

- Maps binary string to a binary string of fixed n bits
- One-way function
 - Calculating the hash is efficient
 - Finding an input string that matches a given hash value is unfeasible
 - Strong collision resistance

 $hash(m_1) = hash(m_2)$

• Examples

• MD5, RIPEMD, SHA



DIGITAL SIGNATURES

- Digital Signatures for
 - Identification
 - Authenticity
 - Integrity
- Consists of
 - A public/private key pair
 - A signing algorithm
 - A verification algorithm.



Source: https://en.wikipedia.org/wiki/Public-key_cryptography

WHAT IS A BLOCKCHAIN?

WELL-KNOWN BLOCKCHAINS

- Bitcoin (2008)
 - First Blockchain
 - Satoshi Nakamoto
 - Proof-of-Work
- Ethereum (2015)
 - Vitalik Buterin
 - Smart Contracts
 - Proof-of-Work Stake

| | Circulating Supply 🕕 | Volume(24h) 📵 | ▼ Market Cap 🚯 | Price | Name | # Na | |
|-------|----------------------|--|-------------------|-------------|--------------------|------|---|
| man | 19,608,000 BTC | \$19,673,951,270 490,867 BTC | \$785,575,300,911 | \$40,064.02 | Bitcoin BTC | 1 🦉 | ☆ |
| home | 120,180,143 ETH | \$9,006,694,391 4,046,938 ETH | \$267,366,268,718 | \$2,224.71 | Ethereum ETH | 2 | ☆ |
| port | 95,554,092,991 USDT | \$34,804,844,468 34,824,358,284 USDT | \$95,520,567,421 | \$0.9996 | 💎 Tether USDt USDT | 3 | ☆ |
| man | 149,548,056 BNB | \$953,460,216 3,270,281 BNB | \$43,543,114,238 | \$291.16 | 🔞 BNB BNB | 4 🌀 | ☆ |
| Juli | 433,135,580 SOL | \$1,982,038,699 22,571,199 SOL | \$37,932,936,853 | \$87.58 | Solana SOL | 5 | ☆ |
| nhund | 54,339,837,528 XRP | \$830,346,271 1,621,980,052 XRP | \$27,834,002,697 | \$0.5122 | XRP XRP | 6 | ☆ |
| www. | 25,848,922,210 USDC | \$4,968,087,815 4,968,076,343 USDC | \$25,853,581,595 | \$1.00 | SUSDC USDC | 7 🔇 | ☆ |
| hours | 35,414,074,628 ADA | \$336,637,530 712,092,878 ADA | \$16,729,544,876 | \$0.4724 | Cardano ADA | 8 | ☆ |

Screenshot CoinMarketCap from 2024/01/25

WHAT IS A BLOCKCHAIN

- Distributed and decentralized ledger system
- Every transaction is broadcasted to all users
- Miners collect transactions and create block
- Block records all transactions
 - Blocks are chained together via cryptography



CHARACTERISTICS OF A BLOCKCHAIN

- Decentralization
 - Consensus algorithm
- Persistency (Immutability)
 - Once a block is created, a change of a transaction/block is (almost) impossible
 - Append only
- Anonymity / Pseudonymity
 - Public/private keys to identify users/accounts
- Auditability

KEY GENERATION

- Private key randomly generated
- Public address derived from private key
- Result of a bunch of hash calculations



TRANSACTION

- Different types of transactions
 - Transfer/exchange of assets
 - Deployment of a smart contract
 - Execution of a smart contract
- Signed with private key
- Broadcasted to the network



BLOCKS

- Blocks
 - Records transactions
 - Timely ordered
- Consensus
 - In creating a block (e.g. POW)
 - In arranging blocks
 - In charge of verifying block
 - In ensuring everyone agrees on a block





Source: https://www.geeksforgeeks.org/blockchain-merkle-trees/

WHAT IS QUANTUM COMPUTING?

EVOLUTION OF QUANTUM TECHNOLOGY



QUANTUM TECHNOLOGIES

Sensing

Enhanced precision and sensitivity

- Atomic clocks
- Magnetometers for cavity detection
- MRI for brain scanners
- Quantum gravity-sensors for GPS assistance

Communication

Secure communication

- Random number generator
- Quantum Teleportation aka Quantum Internet
- Key distribution

Computing

Solving specific problems

- Quantum computing
- Cryptoanalysis
- Solving optimization problems
- Quantum machine learning
- Material science
- Monte Carlo, Portfolio

Further reading https://arxiv.org/pdf/2310.03011.pdf

THREE FUNDAMENTAL CONCEPTS

Superposition

the ability of a qubit to exist in **multiple states** simultaneously **until it is measured or observed**.

Interference

states can interfere with each other leading to **constructive** or **destructive** interference and interference can be used to **amplify certain outcomes and suppress others**.

Entanglement

when two or more qubits become entangled, the properties of one qubit become **directly correlated** with the properties of another, **regardless of the distance** between them.

CLASSICAL COMPUTING

- The fundamental unit of information is the "bit".
- All classical computation is modifying bit sequences.
 - 1-bit operations like SET and NOT
 - 2-bit operations like AND, OR, XOR





QUANTUM COMPUTING

- The fundamental unit of information is the "qubit".
- Qubits are in a superposition of $a |0\rangle + b |1\rangle$
 - With *a* and *b* being complex numbers
- Qubits can be entangled
- Oubits can be **manipulated** by gates
- Observing (**measuring**) a qubit turns it into a classical 0 or 1





QUANTUM SPECIFIC ALGORITHMS

- Variational Quantum Algorithms (VQA)
- Quantum Approximate Optimisation Algorithms (QAOA)
- Quadratic Unconstrained Binary Optimization (QUBO)
- Deutsch-Jozsa-Algorithm
- Grover's Algorithm
- Shor's Algorithm



GROVER'S ALGORITHM

- Developed by Lov Grover in 1994
- Search for an element in an unsorted set that satisfy one or more conditions (Oracle)
- Classically N evaluations in worst case
- Grover solves this problem using $O(\sqrt{(N)})$



SHOR'S ALGORITHM

- Developed by Peter Shor in 1994
- Factorisation of huge integers
 1 < p, q < N and n = pq
 - 21 =
 52.866.631 =



- 221128255295296664352810852550262309276120895024700153944137483191288229414020019865127297265697465990859003300 314000511707422045608592763579537571859549883895870922923849100670303412462054578456641366454068421436129301769 40208 46391065875914794251435144458199 = <u>https://en.wikipedia.org/wiki/RSA_numbers#RSA-260</u> (862 bits!)
- A lot of cryptographic systems base their security on **computationally hard problems**
- Speedup compared to classical algorithms is still very high even if run several times.

https://www.researchgate.net/publication/228102587_Fast_Quantum_Modular_Exponentiation_Architecture_for_Shor's_Factorization_Algorithm

THREATS TO BLOCKCHAIN

Let's put the things together...

COMPONENTS OF A CRYPTOSYSTEM



MINING PROTOCOL

- Problem
 - POW is a NP-hard problem
 - Grover's Algorithm
 - Possible attacks to POW consensus by computational advantage of QC
 - 51% attack
 - Stale blocks generation
 - High stale rate (less than 50% attack!)



REPLACE / UPGRADE CONSENSUS

- Changing from POW to POx
 - Consensus mechanisms like
 POS or DPOS which don't rely
 on computing power
- Improved POW algorithms without quantum advantage
 - Replacing crypto functions with quantum-safe ones



HASHING FUNCTIONS

- Problem
 - $\circ~$ Attacks on signatures
 - $\circ\;$ The signature of that transaction reveals the public key
 - Finding the private key (Grover's Algorithm)
 - \circ Processed transactions
 - \circ UTX0
 - $\circ~$ Long time: Some transactions are "old"
 - $\circ~$ Unprocessed transactions
 - \circ Transaction front-running
 - $\circ~$ Fast: Only time to next block



QUANTUM AVAILABILITY

- Size:
 - Largest quantum chip of IBM has 1,121 physical qubits
- Speed:
 - QCs are slow by clock freque
 - Preparation/readout of circuit takes long

| • Size: | Cryptosystem | Category | Key Size | Security Parameter | Quantum Algorithm Expected to Defeat Cryptosystem | # Logical Qubits Required | # Physical Qubits Required ^a | Time Required to Break System ^b | Quantum- Resilient Replacement Strategies |
|---|--|--------------------------|----------------------|-----------------------|---|---------------------------------|--|---|--|
| Largest quantum chip of IBM has 1,121 physical qubits Speed: | AES-GCM ^c | Symmetric encryption | 128 192 256 | 128 192 256 | Grover's algorithm | 2,953 4,449 6,681 | 4.61 × 10 ⁶ 1.68 × 10 ⁷ 3.36 × 10 ⁷ | 2.61 × 10^{12} years 1.97 × 10^{22} years 2.29 × 10^{32} years | |
| QCs are slow by clock frequency | RSA ^d | Asymmetric encryption | 1024 2048 4096 | 80 112 128 | Shor's algorithm | 2,050 4,098 8,194 | 8.05×10^{6} 8.56×10^{6} 1.12×10^{7} | 3.58 hours 28.63 hours 229 hours | Move to NIST- selected PQC algorithm when available |
| Preparation/readout of circuits takes long | ECC Discrete- log problem ^{e-g} | Asymmetric encryption | 256 384 521 | 128 192 256 | Shor's algorithm | 2,330 3,484 4,719 | 8.56 × 10 ⁶ 9.05 × 10 ⁶ 1.13 × 10 ⁶ | 10.5 hours 37.67 hours 55 hours | Move to NIST- selected PQC algorithm when available |
| | SHA256 ^h | Bitcoin mining | N/A | 72 | Grover's Algorithm | 2,403 | 2.23 × 10 ⁶ | 1.8 × 10 ⁴ years | |
| Source: https://nap.nationalacademies.org/read/25196/chapter/6#98 | PBKDF2 with 10,000 iterations ⁱ | Password hashing | N/A | 66 | Grover's algorithm | 2,403 | 2.23 × 10 ⁶ | 2.3 × 10 ⁷ years | Move away from password-based authentication |

ALTERNATIVE CRYPTO SCHEMES

- Code-Based Cryptosystems
- Hash-Based Cryptosystems
- Multivariate Cryptosystems
- Lattice-Based Cryptosystems
 - Shortest Vector Problem (SVP)
 - Closest Vector Problem (CVP)
 - Shortest Independent Vectors Problem



NIST PQC COMPETITION

- PQC: Post Quantum Cryptography
- For applications TLS, SSH, IPsec, DNSSEC,...
- NIST PQC competition on-going (since 2016!)
 - https://csrc.nist.gov/projects/post-quantum-cryptography
- Public-key Encryption and Key-establishment Algorithms
 - CRYSTALS-KYBER (<u>FIPS 203</u> ML-KEM)
- Digital Signature Algorithms
 - CRYSTALS-DILITHIUM (lattice) (<u>FIPS 204</u> ML-DSA)
 - FALCON (lattice)
 - SPHINCS+ (hash) (FIPS 205 SLH-DSA)



PROBLEM: SIZES OF KEYS AND SIGNATURES

| | Falcon-512 | Falcon-1024 | |
|--|-----------------|-----------------|--|
| Target NIST Level | Ι | V | |
| Ring degree <i>n</i> | 512 | 1024 | |
| Modulus q | 122 | 289 | |
| Standard deviation σ | 165.736 617 183 | 168.388 571 447 | |
| $\sigma_{ m min}$ | 1.277 833 697 | 1.298 280 334 | |
| $\sigma_{ m max}$ | 1.8205 | | |
| Max. signature square norm $ \beta^2 $ | 34 034 726 | 70 265 242 | |
| Public key bytelength | 897 | 1793 | |
| Signature bytelength sbytelen | 666 | 1 280 | |

~ RSA-2048 (256 bytes each)

| Dilithium5 | | | | | | | |
|------------|------------|---------|--------------|-----------------------|--------|--|--|
| Sizes | (in bytes) | Skylake | cycles (ref) | Skylake cycles (avx2) | | | |
| sk: | | gen: | 819475 | gen: | 298050 | | |
| pk: | 2592 | sign: | 2856803 | sign: | 642192 | | |
| sig: | 4595 | verify: | 871609 | verify: | 279936 | | |

| | Туре | Public | key size | (B) Secret | key size | (B) Ciphe | ertext s | ize (| B) | |
|---|------------|--------|-----------|------------|----------|-----------|----------|-------|------|-------|
| | Kyber512 | | 800 | | 1,632 | | 768 | | | |
| | Kyber738 | | 1,184 | | 2,400 | | 1,088 | | | |
| Γ | Kyber1024 | | 1,568 | | 3,168 | | 1,568 | | | |
| | LightSABE | र | 672 | | 1,568 | | 736 | | | |
| | SABER | | 992 | | 2,304 | | 1,088 | ~ | AES | 5-256 |
| | FireSABER | | 1,312 | | 3,040 | | 1,472 | (3) | 2 by | rtes) |
| | McEliece34 | 48864 | 261,120 | | 6,452 | | 128 | | | |
| | McEliece40 | 50896 | 524,160 | 1 | 13,568 | | 188 | | | |
| | McEliece66 | 588128 | 1,044,992 | 1 | 13,892 | | 240 | | | |
| | McEliece69 | 960119 | 1,047,319 | 1 | 13,948 | | 226 | | | |
| | McEliece82 | 192128 | 1,357,824 | 1 | 4,120 | | 240 | | | |
| | NTRUhps204 | 48509 | 699 | | 935 | | 699 | | | |
| | NTRUhps204 | 48677 | 930 | | 1,234 | | 930 | | | |
| | NTRUhps409 | 96821 | 1,230 | | 1,590 | | 1,230 | | | |
| | | | | | | | | | | |

KEY GENERATION / EXCHANGE

- Problem
 - Weakness in randomness
 - Pseudo random number generation (PRNG)
 - Low entropy on system
 - Buggy implementation
 - Plaintext transmission
 - Intercepting communication

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Klever Wallet: All affected wallets are imported after being generated using the pseudo-random number generator algorithm. Users are advised to create new wallets

Klever Created by Wallet K5, all wallets are generated and imported into Klever Wallet K5, and are created using the old, weak pseudo-random number generator PRNG algorithm as an entropy source, which will seriously damage the security and unpredictability of private key generation. Thus, it may be more https://www.coinlive.com/news-flash/24467 (13/07/2023)

QUANTUM RANDOMNESS

- Quantum Random Number Generators (QRNG)
 - Using quantum mechanics
- Real randomness is intrinsic property of quantum mechanics
- QRNGs
 - Available for normal use
 - No longer limited by speed (> 250 Kbps)
 - Daily use (IPSEC, HTTPS, SSH, Simulations,...)



https://www.idquantique.com/random-number-generation/qrng-use-cases/samsung-qrng-use-case/

QUANTUM KEY DISTRIBUTION

- Quantum Internet
 - Quantum teleportation to create tap-prof channel
 - Using QKD to exchange keys to secure transactions
 - Needs new infrastructure



SOME FURTHER READING

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 arXiv:1809.03671v2 [quant-ph] 27 Sep 2018
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- An Overview of Hash Based Signatures
 https://eprint.iacr.org/2023/411.pdf
- Towards Quantum-Secured Permissioned Blockchain: Signature, Consensus, and Logic <u>https://www.mdpi.com/1099-4300/21/9/887</u>
- Quantum Resistant Ledger (QRL) https://github.com/theQRL/Whitepaper/blob/master/QRL_whitepaper.pdf

QUANTUM-FIRST BLOCKCHAINS

A QUANTUM-FIRST BLOCKCHAIN

Utilising QT for improving security of blockchain.

- Random Number Generation
 - Improved key generation
 - Randomness for nonce
- Enhanced Computational Power
 - Quantum Smart Contracts
- Post Quantum Cryptography
 - Secure Internode Communication (QKD)
- Improved Consensus Mechanisms
 - Quantum Resistant Algorithms

OBSTACLES TO QUANTUM-FIRST BLOCKCHAIN

- Limited Availability of Quantum Computing Resources
- Paradigm Shift in Programming
- Designing Quantum Algorithms
- Quantum Error Correction
- Integration with Classical Systems
- Lack of Standardization
- Speed and memory usage for the 'verify' operation
- Key and signature size
- Incompatibility with existing hardware
- Network effect
- Missing community
- ...

ETHEREUM

- https://ethereum.org/
- POS
- Transactions still "vulnerable"
- Post by Vitalik suggesting hardfork
 - Winternitz signatures
 - STARKs
 - Account Abstraction





QRL - THE QUANTUM RESISTANT LEDGER

- https://www.theqrl.org/
- XMMS
 - <u>https://datatracker.ietf.org/doc/html/rfc8391</u>
 - <u>https://csrc.nist.gov/pubs/sp/800/208/final</u> (recommendation)
 - WOTS+ Winternitz scheme
- QRL enQlave Project "Bringing Post-Quantum Security to Ethereum"
- Beta-Testnet on 15th January



/isionary Security

QRL is the first industrial implementation to utilize IETF specified XMSS; a hash-based, forward secure signature scheme with minimal security assumptions and reusable addresses.

QRL: The Quantum Resistant Ledger @QRLedger

After months of dedication, development, and collaboration, we are delighted to unveil the official launch date for our public beta-testnet v1: January 15th, 2024!

As we unveil the entrance to our public beta-testnet v1 from devnet, developers across the globe are invited to delve into and interact with our platform and ecosystem...

This encompasses web3 and EVM smart contract capabilities, all built upon a post-quantum secure foundation. Those with experience in the Ethereum ecosystem will find themselves right at home in this innovative environment.

In this developmental phase, as we refine nodes and work towards public beta-testnet v2 (with additional improvements & incorporating a new address format), there is a prime opportunity to construct essential ecosystem components. This includes the development of wallets, explorers, and various tools that will enhance the overall functionality and user experience within our platform.

More details will be shared through documentation and other media channels as the release date gets closer 💻 <mark>子</mark> 🗂

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EnQlave: Quantum Security for Ethereum

EnQlave is an education initiative and ecosystem which brings trustless on-chain post-quantum security (the EnQlave wallet) and cross-chain interoperability with QRL (wQRL + DEX) to sufficiently scriptable and supported blockchains, starting with Ethereum.

CARDANO

https://cardano.org

Cardano's Proactive Approach to Quantum Computing: Ensuring a Secure Future



Integrating Quantum-Resistant Cryptography

In response to the potential threat of quantum computing, Cardano is exploring the integration of quantum-resistant cryptographic algorithms into its blockchain. These post-quantum algorithms are designed to withstand attacks from quantum computers, ensuring the security of the network and its users. By incorporating these algorithms, Cardano can better protect itself from the risks associated with quantum computing advancements.

May 5, 2023

🔅 Why Cardano

Introduction

For Cardano, we decided to start with using elliptic curve cryptography, the Ed25519 curve in particular. We also decided to enhance the existing libraries by adding support for HD wallets using Dr Dmitry Khovratovich and Jason Law's Specification⁸.

This said, Cardano will support more signature schemes in the future. In particular, we are interested in integrating quantum computer resistant signatures to our system.



LACCHAIN

- https://www.lacchain.net/
- Falcon-512 NIST-compliant post-quantum signatures
- EVM-compatible
- Tackling on many layers
 - Quantum secure communication
 - QKD
 - PQC
 - PoA mining

Ouantum Resistance in Blockchain Networks Drotecting Blockchain Networks from DuantumsThiteats: AOFramework for Quantum Resistance

QANPLATFORM

- <u>https://www.qanplatform.com</u>
- EVM-Compatible
- Multi-language Smart Contracts aka Hyperpolyglot
- Proof-of-Randomness (PoR)
 - "highly experimental concept that requires extensive technological and economic modeling, testing, and auditing"
- Lattice-based post-quantum cryptographic

| | Q/ QANplatform | Bitcoin | Ethereum |
|----------------------------|---|----------|----------|
| Transaction speed | private: 95,000 tps public: 1,600< tps | 7 tps | 14 tps |
| Decentralization level | 3/3 | 3/3 | 2/3 |
| Programming language | any language | no | Solidity |
| Consensus algorithm | PoR | PoW | PoW |
| Hybrid blockchain | yes | no | yes |
| Ethereum EVM compatibility | yes | no | yes |
| Cloud deployment time | 5 minutes | - | hours |
| Quantum-resistant security | yes | no | no |
| Market cap (in USD) | \$103M | \$1,089B | \$515B |



PERSPECTIVES...

NOT DOOMED! AT LEAST NOT NOW!



Not all cryptocurrencies are (equally) vulnerable



Solutions discussed or implemented

Employing PQC algorithms Proof of Stake





We still have time...



➔ Quantum computers are not powerful enough before 2030 (or at all!)